

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

offering the user a card to carry with them, the card having a predetermined amount of units of language interpretation service associated with it in addition to a predetermined amount of telephone service, and a telephone number to call printed on the card for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

deducting units from the card as units are used for the interpretation.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the card is language specific, and the telephone number printed on the card is specific to a certain language.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the telephone number offers a general language interpretation service, and the user must specify what language is desired once they call.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of offering the user the card is done by including the card in a commercial package.

5. A method of offering an assurance packages, wherein the package comprises:

a travel ticket;

travel insurance; and

pre-paid interpretation services through to a "calling" card medium.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the pre-paid interpretation service is in a language appropriate for the traveler's destination.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein the assurance package is offered prior to departure of a user.

8. The method of claims 5, further comprising:
accident insurance;
car rental; and
accommodations.

9. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

having the user use a mobile telephone , the mobile telephone having a number of units of language interpretation service associated with it in addition to a number of units of telephone service, and a telephone number to call programmed into the telephone for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user as programmed into the telephone; and

deducting units of measure from the telephone as used for the interpretation.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the telephone number to call is programmed into the phone and accessed by pressing a single button on the mobile phone.

11. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the card is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

12. The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the telephone is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

13. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

14. The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

15. A method of offering pre-paid language interpretation service to users in combination with telephone time, the method comprising:

offering the user a card to carry with them, the card having a number of minutes of language interpretation service associated with it in addition to a number of minutes of telephone time, and a telephone number to call printed on the card for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

deducting minutes or other unit of measure from the card as used for at least one of the interpretation time or telephone time.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the card is language specific, and the telephone number printed on the card is specific to a certain language.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the telephone number offers a general language interpretation service, and the user must specify what language is desired once they call.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of offering the traveler the card is done by including the card in a travel package.

19. A method of offering portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

having the user access a mobile telephone , the mobile telephone having a number of minutes of language interpretation service associated with it in addition to a number of minutes of telephone time, and a telephone number to call programmed into the telephone for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user as programmed into the telephone; and

deducting minutes or other unit of measure from the telephone as used for at least one of the interpretation or telephone time.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the telephone number to call is programmed into the phone and accessed by pressing a single button on the mobile phone.

21. The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the card is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

22. The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the telephone is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

23. The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

24. The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

25. A method of providing on demand portable language interpretation service comprising:

providing a user with access data, the data having a number of units of language interpretation service associated with it, and a telephone number to call for said language interpretation services;

the user calling the telephone number;

accessing the interpretation units available to the user associated with that data, and if there is a sufficient amount of interpretation time available;

connecting the user to an interpreter to provide essentially instantaneous interpretation services; and

assessing units of measure from the data as interpretation units is used.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the data is language specific, and the related telephone number is specific to a certain language.

27. The method of claim 25 wherein the telephone number offers a general language interpretation service, and the user must specify what language is desired once they call.

28. The method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the data is contained on a card or in a mobile phone.

29. The method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the card is rechargeable to provide additional units for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

30. The method as claimed in claim 28 wherein the telephone is rechargeable to provide additional minutes for at least one of the language interpretation service or the telephone time.

31. The method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the language interpretation service access expires after a predetermined time from an initial activation.

32. A medium for offering portable language interpretation service to users in combination with telephone time, the medium comprising:

a card for a user to carry with them, the card having data relating to a number of units of language interpretation service associated with it in addition to a number of units of telephone service, and a telephone number to call printed on the card for said language interpretation services;

the card having data for providing access to language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

a computerized system for permitting a relationship with the card data for assessing minutes or other unit of measure from data related to the card as units are used for at least one of the interpretation or telephone service.

33. The medium of claim 32 wherein the card is language specific, and the telephone number printed on the card is specific to a certain language.

34. The medium of claim 32 wherein the telephone number offers a general language interpretation service, and the user must specify what language is desired once they call.

35. A mobile telephone for offering portable language interpretation service to users, comprising:

a number of units of language interpretation service associated with the telephone in addition to a number of units of telephone time, and program with the phone directing the phone to call a telephone number for said language interpretation services;

a computerized system for permitting a relationship with the phone for accessing minutes or other unit of measure from data related to the phone as units are used for at least one of the interpretation or telephone service.

36. The telephone as claimed in claim 35 wherein the telephone number to call is programmed into the phone and accessed by pressing a single button on the mobile phone.

37. The telephone as claimed in claim 35 wherein the telephone is enabled to conduct telephoning to numbers unrelated to the interpretation service.

38. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

offering the user a card to carry with them, the card having access to a of units of language interpretation service, and a telephone number to call on the card for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

accessing units in relation to the card as units are used for the interpretation.

39. A method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the user is provided with a prepaid calling card to effect payment for the units to the language interpretation service.

40. A method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the user is provided with a debit card to effect payment for the units to the language interpretation service.

41. A method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the user is provided with a credit card to effect payment for the units to the language interpretation service.

42. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

having the user use a mobile telephone, the mobile telephone having access to a language interpretation service associated with it, and a telephone number to call for accessing the telephone to the language interpretation service;

providing language interpretation services to the user; and

accessing units of measure of the language interpretation service as used for the interpretation.

43. A medium for offering portable language interpretation service to users, the medium comprising:

a card for a user, the card having data relating to a number of units of language interpretation service associated with it, and a telephone number to call on the card for said language interpretation services;

the card having data for providing access to language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

a computerized system for permitting a relationship with the card data for assessing minutes or other unit of measure from data related to the card as units are used for the interpretation service.

44. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

offering the user a through a telephone company access to units of language interpretation service, and a predetermined number to call for said language interpretation services;

providing language interpretation services to the user at the predetermined number; and

accessing units for charging in relation to units are used for the interpretation.

45. A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the telephone company is mobile telephone company, and the user accessed the telephone company through a mobile telephone

46. A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the user is provided with one of a prepaid calling card, a debit card or a credit card to effect payment for the units to the language interpretation service.

47. A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the user is charged on account to a predetermined subscribers telephone account to effect payment for the units to the language interpretation service.

48. A method as claimed in claim 47 wherein the account is for use of a mobile telephone, and the company is a mobile telephone company

49. A method of offering a portable language interpretation service to users, the method comprising:

having the user use a mobile telephone, the mobile telephone having access to a language interpretation service associated with it, and a telephone number to call for accessing the telephone to the language interpretation service;

providing language interpretation services to the user; and

accessing units of measure of the language interpretation service as used for the interpretation.

50. A medium for offering portable language interpretation service to users, the medium comprising:

a card for a user, the card having data relating to a number of units of language interpretation service associated with it, and a telephone number to call on the card for said language interpretation services;

the card having data for providing access to language interpretation services to the user at the telephone number specified on the card; and

a computerized system for permitting a relationship with the card data for assessing minutes or other unit of measure from data related to the card as units are used for the interpretation service.